

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Straub on 04/01/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN CLAIM

Claim 23, line 13, after "image areas," insert -- predetermined contiguous image areas, an individual motion vector for the first predetermined image area of an encoded image referencing a portion of the first predetermined image area of one of said series of images, --;

line 17, after "video data" insert – including said motion vectors—;

Claim 28, line 3, after "video data" insert – including motion vectors, said encoded video data—;

line 13, after "image areas," insert -- predetermined contiguous image areas, an individual motion vector for the first predetermined image area of an encoded image referencing a portion of the first predetermined image area of one of said series of images, --;

Claim 30, line 3, after "video data" insert – including motion vectors, said encoded video data—;

line 13, after “image areas,” insert -- predetermined contiguous image areas, an individual motion vector for the first predetermined image area of an encoded image referencing a portion of the first predetermined image area of one of said series of images, --;

line 18, after “video data” insert – including motion vectors—;

Claim 34, line 20, after “the second image,” insert -- predetermined contiguous image areas, an individual motion vector for the first predetermined image area of an encoded image referencing a portion of the first predetermined image area of one of said series of images, --;

line 21, after “video data” insert – including said motion vectors—;

2. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: the cited prior art does not teach the claimed invention as presented by the applicant in the remarks filed on 12/10/2009 and 04/01/2010.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung Vo whose telephone number is 571-272-7340. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Wednesday, Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on 571-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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